

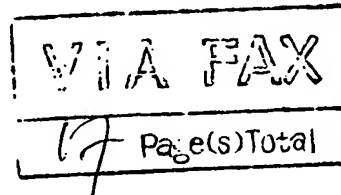
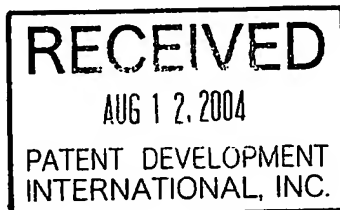


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August 4, 2004

Re: Patent Application in China
Application No.: 02103077.4
Applicant: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
Your Ref.: CN5-01039-MN
Our Ref.: JPDI-0264

Dear Sirs:

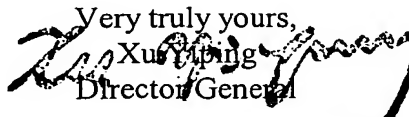
Enclosed please find a **Notice of First Office Action** for your above mentioned application for patent from the Patent Office of the State Intellectual Property Office together with its English translation.

Our suggestions and comments for the application in question are also attached for your reference.

Please note that the deadline for response to the Notice is October 25, 2004, which is set by the Patent Office. If the response can not be made before the due date, an extension of time for up to two months can be requested before/on the above due date, for which, an official fee of RMB Yuan 300 per month (equals to about US\$ 36) and attorney fee of US\$ 80 per extension shall be incurred. No further extension of time is available.

Looking forward to receiving your instruction.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Very truly yours,

Xu Yibing
Director General

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Date of Dispatch
June 25, 2004

Application No.: 02103077.4	Applicant: Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.
Application Date: February 8, 2002	Agent:
Title: 画像合成装置	

NOTICE ON OFFICE ACTION

1. ☒ According to the Request for Substantive Examination raised by the applicant and based on the provision of Item 1, Article 35 of the Patent Law, the Examiner has proceeded with the Examination as to Substance on the above mentioned application for patent for invention.
☐ According to Item 2, Article 35 of the Chinese Patent Law, the Patent Office has decided to examine the above application for patent for invention.

2. ☒ The applicant has requested that the filling date of
 Feb 9, 2001 at the JP Patent Office as the priority date,
 June 8, 2001 at the JP Patent Office as the priority date,
 _____ at the _____ Patent Office as the priority date,
 _____ at the _____ Patent Office as the priority date,
☒ The applicant has already submitted the copy of the first filed prior application document certified by the receiving office of the country where the application was originally filed.
☐ The applicant has not submitted the copy of the first filed prior application document certified by the receiving office of the country where the application was originally filed. It is deemed not having claimed priority according to the provision stipulated in Article 30 of the Patent Law.
☐ This application is a PCT application.

3. ☐ The applicant submitted on _____ and _____ the amendment documents.
 On examination, among them,
 the _____ submitted on _____ can not be accepted.
 the _____ submitted on _____ can not be accepted.
 Because the above amendment
 ☐ does not conform with the provisions of Article 33 of the Chinese Patent Law,
 ☐ does not conform with the provisions of Rule 51 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law,
 Refer to the text of the Notice for the specific reasons why the amendment cannot be accepted

4. ☐ The examination has been proceeded on the original application documents.
☒ The examination is directed at the following application documents:
 Claim 1-59, page 1-19 of the specification, page 1-24 of the drawing of the original application documents submitted on the date of filing.
 Claim _____, page _____ of the specification, page 25 of the drawing submitted on April 22, 2002.
 Claim _____, page _____ of the specification, page _____ of the drawing submitted on _____.
 Claim _____, page _____ of the specification, page _____ of the drawing submitted on _____.
 Abstract of the specification submitted on _____, the drawing of the Abstract submitted on _____.
5. ☐ This Notice is made under the condition of no search having been conducted.
☒ This Notice is made under the condition of search having been conducted.
☒ This Notice has cited the below comparison documents (the number of which shall continue to be used in the subsequent examination procedures):

No.	Title of Document	Date of Publication (or the filing date of the conflicting Application)
1	WO0064175A1	Oct 26, 2000
2	WO0032279A1	June 8, 2000
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6. The conclusive opinion drawn from the examination:
- ☒ **As regards the Specification:**
☐ The contents of the application fall under the scope stipulated by Article 5 of the Patent Law for which no patent right shall be granted.
☐ The specification does not conform with the provision of Item 3, Article 26 of the Patent Law.
☒ The drafting of the specification does not conform with the provision of Rule 18 of the Implementing Regulations.
- ☒ **As regards the Claims:**
☐ Claim _____ does not possess the novelty as stipulated in Item 2, Article 22 of the Patent Law.
☐ Claim _____ does not possess the inventiveness as stipulated in Item 3, Article 22 of the Patent Law.
☐ Claim _____ does not possess the practical applicability as stipulated in Item 4, Article 22 of the Patent Law.
☐ Claim _____ falls under the scope of Article 25 of the Patent Law where no patent right is to be granted.
☒ Claim 1, 28, 52, 57-59 does not conform with the provision of Item 4, Article 26 of the Patent Law.
☐ Claim _____ does not conform with the provision of Item 1, Article 31 of the Patent Law.
☐ Claim _____ does not conform with the definition of invention as stipulated in Item 1, Article 2 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.
☐ Claim _____ does not conform with the provision of Item 1, Rule 13 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.
☒ Claim 8, 9 does not conform with the provisions of Rules 20 of the Implementing Regulations of the Patent Law.

Refer to the text of this Notice for the specific analyses of the conclusive opinion.



7. Based on the above conclusive opinion, the Examiner deems that:
- ☐ The applicant shall amend the application documents in accordance with the requirements raised in the text of the Notice.
 - ☒ The applicant shall discuss in his observations reasons why this application for patent can be granted a patent right, and amend the portions indicated in the text of the Notice which have been deemed as not conforming with the provisions, or no patent right shall be granted.
 - ☐ There are no substantive contents in the application for patent that can be granted a patent right. If the applicant does not present reasons or the reasons presented are not sufficient, the application shall be rejected.
8. The applicant is asked to note the following items:
- (1) According to the provision of Article 37 of the Patent Law, the applicant shall submit his observations within **four months** from the receipt of this Notice. Where, without justified reasons, the applicant does not respond at the expiration of said date, the application shall be deemed to have been withdrawn
 - (2) The applicant shall amend his application according to Article 33 of the Patent Law. The amended documents shall be in duplicate, and the form, in conformity with the relevant provisions in the Examination Guide.
 - (3) The applicant and/or his agent can not, without first making an appointment, go to the Patent Office to have an interview with the Examiner.
 - (4) The observations and/or the amended documents shall be mailed or delivered to Department of Receipt, the Patent Office of the State Intellectual Property Office. No documents shall possess legal effects if not mailed or delivered to Department of Receipt.
9. The text portion of this Notice totals 6 page(s), and includes the following attachment(s):
- ☒ duplicate copy(ies) of cited comparison document(s), altogether 2 copy(ies) 173 pages.
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Examination Department: _____ Examiner(Seal): _____

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